

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Invocation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We gather in the name of the Resurrected One,
who has broken free of the bonds of death
and who brings us with him into new life.

Amen! Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God,

**in raising Jesus from the tomb,
you revealed the power to deliver us from sin and death
and to renew our whole creation.**

We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear.

**We continue to cling to selfish ways
and doubt your power to make all things new.**

Forgive our lack of faith.

**Forgive us our failures, the ways we have hurt others,
things we know of and things we don't.**

Have mercy on our weakness.

**Raise us from the death of fear that we may live with Christ
in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is Risen!

The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

It is clear: nothing can contain the grace of God in Jesus Christ – not even death!

In the name of the Risen Christ, your sins are entirely forgiven
and you are made new by the power of the Resurrection.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“Thine Is the Glory”

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Easter Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.

By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power
of the resurrection in all that we say and do,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading 1 John 1:1–2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Gospel John 20:19–31

The holy gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Praise to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Kris Garey

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Hymn of the Day

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

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The Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of Christ’s peace.

Please be seated

We Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

Offering Prayer

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Words of Institution

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

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“We Walk by Faith”

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Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants for today, April 7, 2024

Pastor: Kris Garey

Lector: Diane Mozol

Music Director: Rose Fife

Music Team: Judith Billington, Becky Hansen, Max Harder,
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This Week at Family of God

Sun., April 7	9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship
Mon., April 8	6:30 p.m. Scouts
Wed., April 10	6:30 p.m. Boy Scout parents
Thurs., April 11	9 a.m. Quilters 5:30 p.m. Music Team Rehearsal
Sat., April 13	8 a.m. Men's Breakfast at The Other Place
Sun., April 14	9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rummage sale drop-off

Welcome: Friends, visitors, and guests. We are so glad you are here with us! Please fill out one of the lavender or green “welcome” cards that are located in the pocket on the back of the pews. They can be dropped in the offering plates or given to the pastor at the end of the service. We look forward to seeing you again!

Large print bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices are Available: You will find them on the table by the sanctuary door.

Please Note: Our goal here at Family of God is always to be welcoming to everyone. This includes those with severe sensitivities and allergies. In an effort to further extend our hospitality, ***we are asking everyone to please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, aftershave and other scents at worship.*** Thank you in advance for helping us strive for a **more scent-free** environment.

Rummage and Bake Sale: Our sale will be Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20. Times of the sale are 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. – 12 noon on Saturday, with a \$5 bag sale starting at 11 a.m. You can drop off donations starting Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Please bring only gently used items. **NO** electronics. Large items not sold will need to be picked up by owners by April 24. We will also need help setting out and pricing items, plus help for the days of the sale. Baked goods are also needed. Please let us know if you can help on any of the days. If you have questions, contact Geri Ann or Pam at the church 218-724-9210.

Prayer Chain: Our prayer chain is a valuable part of our community. If you have a prayer request, please call Pam at 218-724-9210 or email office@fogduluth.org.

Sandwich Loaf/Salad Bar Luncheon: Our annual luncheon will be Saturday, May 11 at 12 noon. We will have lunch and entertainment plus a silent auction. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting Maggie Alander or Pam in the office. Reservations need to be made by May 4. Items are needed for the silent auction. They can be brought to church at any time and put in the office to be held until the auction.

CHUM: As the cost of groceries has increased, the demand for food at the CHUM food shelf has increased. For every \$1 that gets donated, we can buy \$3 worth of food --that is three times more! Please consider both food and cash donations. Checks can be made out to Family of God with CHUM Food Shelf in the memo. Let's fill the shopping cart up with needed items as well as Mr. Peanut!

CHUM needs items like: Peanut butter (small 16 oz. jars); canned soup (not cream); canned fruit, vegetables, stew, fish, beans; pasta; rice; cereal.

CHUM: Peanut Butter Church: We are still collecting peanut butter and other nut butters for CHUM. They request small, 16 oz. jars. There is basket in the narthex for this much needed cause. Thank you!

Woodland Gardens and Open Arms Senior Living Outreach: Our next worship for residents at Woodland Gardens is April 21, at 10:45 a.m. Worship at Open Arms Senior Living will be today April 28, at 10:45 a.m. Worship includes replaying the morning church service in the community room and including communion during the service and fellowship after. We want to continue this outreach on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We are looking for a small crew of volunteers who are willing to be called on to help with set-up and cleanup, communion and visiting with the residents. **We really need help to make this happen.** Please contact the church office or Greg Hansen for more information. Greg can be reached at (218)-349-0342 or by email at ghansen5347@gmail.com).

Building Expense Donation Program - Details and Updates posted in the Narthex:

****Above and Beyond Donation from Regular Weekly/Monthly Giving:*** We will be continuing this program through March of 2024. With a prayerful heart, each month we invite you to donate to the various essential average monthly expenses of our church. This will assist in stabilizing the financials of Family of God Lutheran Church for a stronger future with potential to have a full-time Pastor. We thank you in advance for your donations and continued support of the future of Family of God Lutheran Church.

Help Needed: Coffee/Treats: We are in need of **people to sign up to put the coffee on and bring and serve treats for coffee after worship on Sunday morning.** Everyone enjoys getting together after worship, but we need people to step up to help. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to help. Instructions are available.

Communion Set-up and Take Down: Help to set up the communion trays and to take them down communion after worship. We have a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board going into the Fellowship Hall.

Looking Ahead

April 19-20: Rummage Sale

May 11: Sandwich Loaf/Salad Bar Luncheon